



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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RAINS COOL OFF FIELDS

Hot and humid conditions were replaced by rains late in the week. **Corn** around the state is progressing very well, placing it above the five-year average. **Soybeans** are now at 48 percent blooming, which is well above five-year average of 36 percent. Wet, humid conditions have prevented cut **hay** from drying properly. However, the third cutting of **alfalfa hay** is at 55 percent complete compared to the five year average of 37 percent. There were **6.0 days** suitable for field work.

Fruits are in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 1 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. **Peaches** were rated 1 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 11 percent excellent.

Pastures are in generally good condition with 1 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 20 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 25 percent excellent.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	8	3	4	8
Cantaloups	45	38	38	28
Cucumbers	65	44	46	40
Lima Beans	25	12	34	10
Peaches	35	21	58	42
Potatoes	50	16	27	30
Snap Beans	45	38	81	55
Sweet Corn	45	33	44	37
Tomatoes	36	22	27	20
Watermelons	27	22	47	27
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Blooming	48	37	53	36
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	55	37	48	37
Other Hay 2 nd Cuttting	78	71	95	88

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	3	97	-
Topsoil (2004)	3	9	62	26
Five Year Average	8	18	58	16
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	100	-
Subsoil (2004)	10	10	59	21
Five Year Average	16	14	55	15

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.96	29.70	5.98	96	66	78	2
Easton	0.71	27.93	2.04	97	66	79	2
Frederick	0.48	26.31	3.01	94	62	77	5
Frostburg	0.09	24.66	-4.10	88	55	71	3
Hagerstown	0.04	18.15	-4.59	95	63	78	4
Mechanicsville	0.66	25.00	-1.62	97	60	77	2
Patuxent River	0.36	24.44	0.27	100	68	81	6
Ocean City	0.45	29.99	4.02	93	69	78	2
Salisbury	0.99	32.64	6.58	98	64	78	2
Sharpsburg	0.25	22.05	-1.25	95	62	76	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.22	26.87	4.72	97	71	81	1
Delaware							
Dover	1.46	29.84	4.24	95	68	79	2
Georgetown	0.77	28.21	3.20	98	69	80	4
Wilmington	0.63	24.29	-0.09	96	63	78	2

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.